



An Open & Affirming Congregation in the United Church of Christ
Order of Worship for 11/27/2022

First Sunday of Advent

Rev. Amelia Fulbright, Transitional Pastor

Zoom link for Joys & Concerns: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2057847210>

Link to PDF of Hymns for larger print:

Prelude:

Welcome

Call to Worship: Isaiah 2:1-5

***Hymn of Celebration:** Red Hymnal #82 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Lighting the Candle of Hope

Response: Black Hymnal #136 "Jesus, Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child"

Jesus, Jesus, oh, what a wonderful child.

Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek, and mild;

new life, new hope, the Child will bring.

Listen to the angels sing, "Glory, glory, glory,

let the heavens ring!

Why I Give Here

Listening To the Sacred Text: Matthew 24:36-44 (NRSV)

Listening for the Spirit in Silence:

Word and words, O God. Help us to hear the One among the many.

Reflecting: "Forging Hope From Despair"

***Hymn of Reflection:** Black Hymnal #179 "We Yearn, O Christ for Wholeness"

***Prayer for Transformation and New Life** (Unison)

God-of-righteous-dreaming, lighten our hearts with an enlarged imagination to dream new possibilities: to imagine a world where transformation will happen, where creation is mended and restored, and where exiles and strangers will find a home.

Become in our lives the way to what we need, to what we can become, and to what we can do. AMEN.

Offering invitation

Offertory Music: "Creator of the Stars of Night" arr. Larkin

Offering our gifts and our prayers

***Doxology** (Tune: *All Creatures Of Our God and King*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise God for all that love has done. Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Sending Song:** Black Hymnal #116 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

***Benediction**

Postlude:

*** Please rise as you are able, in body or in spirit.**

Leading In Today's Service:

Laura Martin, Director of Music

John Goff, Usher

Jonathan Geer, Piano

Liz Lee, Cello

Britt Hicks, Director of Online Ministries

CJ Wood, Liturgist

Amy Harris, Violin